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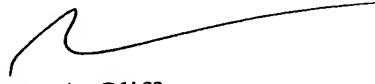
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- 3. An English language Abstract of the non-English language reference 3 is attached hereto.

4. A computer-generated English language translation of the following Japanese reference has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([http://www.jpo.go.jp]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See Reference 3.

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